

**WHEREAS**, for 25 years Chris Curtis has worked tirelessly on behalf of local farms, startup artisan food businesses, neighborhood revitalization, and community building; and

**WHEREAS**, under Chris Curtis's leadership, the University District Farmers Market was founded in 1993 and is now the oldest, longest running neighborhood market in Seattle; and

**WHEREAS**, the University District Farmers Market, which consisted of 17 farmers selling their produce to 800 shoppers on its first day has now grown into the Neighborhood Farmers Market Alliance (NFMA), which runs seven outdoor markets, supports over 125 local family farms, and attracts over half a million shoppers a year; and

**WHEREAS**, Chris Curtis organized the first neighborhood farmers markets in Seattle devoted exclusively to local, small-scale family farms which focus on good land stewardship and biodiversity and are essential components of a healthy environment, thriving local economy, and safe food system; and

**WHEREAS**, through her work, Chris Curtis helps to preserve farmers' livelihoods, revitalize neighborhoods, and support and strengthen Washington's small family farm business by creating and operating vibrant and successful neighborhood farmers markets; and

**WHEREAS**, through her farmers market model, Chris Curtis fosters deep connections in Seattle communities by providing weekly, safe, family-friendly events that allow shoppers to meet the farmers who grow our food and neighbors to interact as a community; and

**WHEREAS**, since 2008, NFMA's Good Farmer Fund has granted over \$216,000 in emergency relief funds to farmers to mitigate situations such as crop loss due to extreme weather, loss of equipment or greenhouses in fire or heavy snow, and the protection of livestock from predators; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2012, the NFMA was responsible for developing and piloting the successful Fresh Bucks program which increases market food access to low income folks and which is now replicated state-wide; and

**WHEREAS**, the NFMA has grown to be the largest Farmers Market organization in Washington and is a leader in setting high standards for Farmers Market policies and practices locally and across the United States;

*Now, therefore, be it proclaimed by The Mayor and The Seattle City Council that Monday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 is:*

**CHRIS CURTIS DAY**